House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Fourteen public bills, H.R. 813–826; three private bills, H.R. 827–829; and six resolutions, H.J. Res. 67, H. Con. Res. 22–23, and H. Res. 57–59, were introduced.

Presidential Message—**Haiti:** Read a message from the President wherein he transmits reports on United States activities with respect to Haiti—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. No. 104–25).

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Line-Item Veto: House continued consideration of H.R. 2, to give the President line-item veto authority over appropriation Acts and targeted tax benefits in revenue Acts; but came to no resolution thereon. Consideration of amendments will resume on Monday, February 6.

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Agreed to the Obey amendment that allows the President to use the line-item veto authority established for items in fiscal year 1995 appropriations bills if the President notifies the Congress of such rescissions not later than ten calendar days after the enactment of the Line-Item Veto Act. Pages H1190–91 Rejected:

The Spratt amendment that sought to expand the types of provisions in tax bills that the President can propose be repealed under his new line-item veto authority (rejected by a recorded vote of 175 ayes to 243 noes, Roll No. 89);

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The Wise amendment in the nature of a substitute that sought to provide that rescissions proposed by the President must be voted on by Congress under expedited consideration procedures, and that repeals of "targeted tax benefits" proposed by the President also must be voted on by Congress under expedited consideration procedures and would only become effective if approved by the House and Senate (rejected by a recorded vote of 167 ayes to 246 noes, Roll No. 90).

It was made in order that during further consideration of H.R. 2 that the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole may postpone until a time during further consideration a request for a recorded vote on any amendment, and that the Chairman may reduce to not less than five minutes the time for voting by electronic device without intervening business, provided that the time for voting by electronic device without intervening business on the first in any series of questions be not less than 15 minutes; and

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It was made in order that when the Committee of the Whole meets under the five-minute rule on Monday, February 6, to consider amendments to H.R. 2 that four amendments, if offered will be considered; time to be divided equally between proponents and opponents of the amendment with debate not to exceed the time allotted: Amendment by Representative Orton, 1 hour; amendment by Representative Waters, 30 minutes; amendment by Representative Tauzin, 30 minutes, and amendment by Representative Traficant, 30 minutes. No amendments to the preceding amendments may be offered. Two substitutes, if offered, will also be considered, time to be equally divided between proponents and opponents and debate not to exceed one hour each: Substitute by Representative Slaughter; and substitute by Representative Stenholm. No amendments to the substitutes may be offered. Page H1197

Legislative Program: The Majority Leader announced the legislative program for the week of February 6. Agreed to adjourn from Friday to Monday.

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, February 8.

Amendments Ordered Printed: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H1208–11.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H1169–70 and H1186–87. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 4:13 p.m.

Committee Meetings

LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

JOB CREATION AND WAGE ENHANCEMENT ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing on H.R. 9, Job Creation and Wage Enhancement Act of 1995, issues in the Contract With America dealing with Title VI: Strengthening Regulatory Flexibility; Title VII: Regulatory Impact Analysis; and